



**ROTARY CLUB OF FONTHILL  
WEEKLY MEETING AGENDA**  
Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022

Hybrid Meeting

**Attending:** Ann Harrison, Annie Holtby, Mel Groom, Bob Eamer, Lance Wiebe, Gail Levay, Michael Jacques, Pat Duncan, Troy Killick, Dave Schulz. Frank Adamson, Paul Allen, Paul Snack, Carolyn Mullin.

**1. Welcome Guests**

**2. Land Acknowledgement. Pat**

*We begin this gathering by acknowledging the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis and Inuit people and acknowledging reminds us that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.*

**3. Toast: Pat**

To the Queen and Canada, To the Office of the President of United States, and To the President of Rotary International

**4. 4-WAY TEST: Pat**

Of the things we think, say, or do  
Is it the truth?  
Is it fair to all concerned?  
Will it build good will and better friendships?  
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

**5. Invocation: Pat**

Lord, being in Rotary allows us to serve others. We ask that you help us remember the Four Way test as we work today and every day. Help us to serve humbly and willingly as we focus on the needs of our community and the troubled world.

**6. Presidents Report, Correspondence and Announcements. Ann and others**

**Ann.** Dave has just received a PHF+1 pin. Congratulations!

We had mentioned the request for taking on a **Rotary Peace Applicant**. I volunteered to mentor her through the application process. She's going to Thailand for her studies and then back here. Hopefully she can connect with our whole club at that time.

The deposit book is at Ann's place. Any e transfers? Please let Ann know.

## 7. Upcoming Spring Events and News Items

**District Grants: Mel** spoke on status of **District Grants**. We've received the \$1900US to pay for the desks and chairs for Women's Place. It's great that it's closed! We're moving on to **Crossley Amphitheatre**. Kevin McConkey received a grant via his business. Did we receive the letter to Shaver? **Ann**. We can talk about it later.

**TV Auction update: Ann** had the final results of the TV Auction. \$17,267 included \$3200 in cash donations. Annie added that our share of the expenses, based on per capita, was \$917 making the total \$16,350.

**April Home Show: Setup.** Set Up is needed for Friday. We have Saturday and Sunday volunteers but need more. **Dave**. Sunday is not filled/ Please check for Sunday openings especially.

**Earth Week Clean-up: Ann.** Weekend of April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Area Clean-up that we can connect with the Great Lakes Watershed Clean-Up. We won't be having a meeting that week so we can all work on the Clean-up that weekend. **Frank**. That Saturday is for town clean-up. We can select an area – Steve Bauer Trail for instance. DG Anne Bermingham wants to see us ask others out at that time – let Dave know. **Ann**. We could take one area – any of the areas MMC and Rice Road because of construction debris – even meeting there and heading out along watershed on April 23, 10 am at MCC. **Ann** will let town know and we can leave bags and items by the road for pick up. Wear your rain boots as it'll be pretty wet. \$3 at the dollar store for 'picker uppers'!

**Great Lakes Watershed Clean-up.** The above town clean-up can count toward the Great Lake Clean-up **Butterfly garden at Wellspring. Ann asking Troy.** Is there anything we can do for the Butterfly Garden? **Troy** is looking into it this weekend to see how things fared over the winter. We'll need planting, clean-ups, signage – what Butterfly Project is and acknowledging the Rotary connection. **NB** Don't clean up dead leaves as pollinations can still take place.

**June Family Funfest. Ann.** We've received \$2,000 for Family FunFest from Crossley. Students are also doing a collection for Ukraine via the Rotary Foundation Disaster Fund for Ukraine.

**Canada Day. Lance.** Update from the City meeting. June 21-July 1<sup>st</sup> will see Indigenous activities if the money comes in. Bouncers have been ordered and they are honouring our credit. New this year is an axe throwing contest – Styrofoam axes! Sandastic will be happening again. Volunteers are always a challenge. Lance is going to see if Crossley needs volunteer hours. July 1<sup>st</sup> is a Friday. We do need adults for the bouncers. \$5Million insurance is covered by Niagara Inflatables and that's OK with the town. There's another meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup>. We're progressing with the time frames. Ann. Janet Cripps is our contact for the hours. Grade 8

S can start after grad but aren't available for FunFest. Just for Canada Day. We need 2 shifts – 1-330 and 330-6.

**FunFest Updates. Paul S.** Crossley kids and class moving ahead, reaching out to sponsors, etc. In the next few weeks, we'll be getting out more including a Save the Date to go out on social media.

**Torch Relay, Canada Games. Frank.** Our part of the Torch Run is Saturday of **Summerfest**, July 16. Hopefully, we'll get a lot out – we need 10-15 Rotary volunteers to man the exchange spots. It'll take 15 minutes max. We'll post the times the runners will be coming through on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The other torch run is **Port Colborne's**. We'll need 8-9 volunteers for Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Shirts will be available for us. Also, keep the opening and closing days open! **Ann**. We need more accurate times. **Frank**. We have to be there at the start – probably from 8-11 am.

**Arches. Frank.** \$6000 in donations has come in recently for the Arches. Janet got \$3000 from Lookout Ridge and \$1000 from Root Bissonnette Walker accountants. The hoped for \$30,000 grant didn't come in so we're beating the bushes again. The money has been paid for the down payment for manufacture of steel arches. We still need to raise another \$30,000

**March 31 Service Club Meeting at MCC.** Dave and Ann are attending. Troy is welcome to come as well but it's in the middle of the day.

**T-shirt orders Dave.** An order form for T-Shirts, etc., will be noted on Sunday's email. **Paul S.** T-Shirts are ordered for torch bearers' supporters. They're cool, one of a kind. End of March is when nominations for torch bearers close. In early April, orders will be about to be taken. We just have to finalise the orders by end of the month. I'm currently printing out brochures for our events.

**Dates:**

**April 20 – No Meeting**

**April 23 – Clean-up from MCC out**

**April 26 – Joint Rotary Luncheon**

**June 19 – Bissell's and Family FunFest**

**July 1 – Canada Day**

**July 3 - Port Colborne Torch Run**

**July 16 – Fonthill Torch Run; Beer Tent in Evening**

## **8. Rotary Moment and Happy Loonies**

**Bob.** We (family) went for afternoon tea in NOTL.

**Pat.** Sandra Wallace and Earl will be coming to Fonthill for the Canada Games!

**Mel.** Good to see Sandra. She follows us on FB. We went to Empty Bellies and it was good to see people out.

**Lance.** We went to White Meadow Farm. We went to see how they make the syrup!

**Frank.** Happy Annie is coming up from Florida. We're heading to Pullman to spend time with daughter, son in law and grandson.

**Annie.** We went to Valspar Golf Tournament up in Palm Harbour last Friday and we're going to a Blue Jay's game this Friday. (\$30/ticket) Outside is good. Perfect weather!

**Troy.** New dog Lucy has arrived, full of energy. Old dog is tolerant.

**Paul S.** Zak and Dad had a great trip out west. Came home with Covid! Feeling better!

**Bob.** What brand of beer do you like? **Paul.** Anything!

**Michael.** We went to White Meadow Farm also. There's a great trail to the waterfall. Niece was chatting all the way and then asked *me* to stop talking! She's 2. A great time! )The Voice has an article about Michael this week)

**Dave.** I have gratitude for the March break and grandson's visit. Nice to get together like this and see what we're doing.

**Carolyn.** Paul, you'll test positive for up to 3 months/RAT for 21 days. We're going to Mexico to help Bernie forget his milestone birthday!

**Gail.** Well, we've had breakfasts at White Meadow Farm before – maybe we could do it again!

**Ann.** My sister held a baby shower for my niece. I took mom with me and it was great!

**Paul.** Don't forget Friday night is Rotaract Trivia Night!

## **9. Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Birthdays:** Paul A (Mar 5); Mel (Mar 19); Jason (Mar20)

**Anniversaries:** Ann (Mar 12)

**Rotary:** Ann, Janet, Meg and Pat

**Next Meetings/Events:**

March 30<sup>th</sup> - April Jeffs

Please check Clubrunner to sign up for the **Home Show**